

# THE BENNINGTON EVENING BANNER

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PRICE ONE CENT

One Cannot Be Too Careful. We Know a Woman Who Says She Is 31 Who Wrote Her Name In an Autograph Album 40 Years Ago

## LATEST ZEPPELIN RAID HAS SCORE OF 28 KILLED

Five Airships Bombed Eng'and's East Coast Last Night

## HOSPITAL SHIP TORPEDOED

Portugal Sent to Bottom of Black Sea with 115, Mostly Wounded Russian Soldiers.

London, April 1.—Twenty-eight persons were killed and 44 injured in the Zeppelin raid over the eastern counties of England last night, according to the announcement of the admiralty today.

Five airships took part in the raid and so far as can be ascertained about 90 bombs were dropped.

All the raiders crossed the coast at different places and steered different courses.

Petrograd, April 1.—One hundred and fifteen, mostly wounded soldiers, were drowned, when the Russian hospital ship Portugal was sunk in the Black Sea by a German submarine.

The Portugal was conspicuously marked with Red Cross signs, according to official reports which also state that 153 were rescued.

The Portugal was owned by the Messageries Maritimes of Marseilles, and had been placed at the disposal of the Russian government.

The Portugal was 444 feet long and had a gross tonnage of 5,553 tons. She was built at La Ciotat in 1887.

## ESTATE OF ELVIRA K. WARREN

STATE OF VERMONT. The Honorable District Court of Bennington, ss.: Probate Court for the District of Bennington.

To all persons interested in the estate of Elvira K. Warren late of Bennington, ss.: I, the Clerk of said District Court, do hereby give notice that the last Will and Testament of Elvira K. Warren, late of Bennington, ss., in said District, deceased, was presented to the Court aforesaid for Probate.

And it is ordered by said Court that the 5th day of April, 1916, at the Probate Office in Bennington, be and is hereby set apart for the hearing of said Will and Testament, and that notice thereof be given to all persons concerned, by publishing this order three several times in the Bennington Evening Banner, a newspaper published in said district, previous to the time aforesaid.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that all persons appearing before said Court, at the time aforesaid, and contest the probate of said Will, if you have cause.

Given Under My Hand, this 10th day of March, 1916.

AMY H. HARBOR, Register.

## COMMISSIONER'S NOTICE

State of ALFRED MAHEW. The undersigned, having been appointed by the Honorable Probate Court for the District of Bennington, ss., to receive, examine and adjust the claims and demands of all persons against the estate of Alfred Mahew, late of Bennington, ss., deceased, and all claims exhibited in offset thereto, hereby give notice that we will meet for the purpose aforesaid, at the office of J. E. Walbridge, in the Village of Bennington, in said District, on the 15th day of April, and 5th day of August, next, from 9 o'clock a. m. to 4 o'clock p. m. on each of said days, and at six months from the 15th day of March, A. D. 1916, is the time limited by said Court for said creditors to present their claims to us for examination and allowance.

Dated at Bennington, Vt., this 11th day of March, A. D. 1916.

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## MORE FRENCH LINE TRENCHES WERE CAPTURED

Teuton Attack Shifted to Sector Around Le Mort Homme

## RETAIN HOLD ON MALANCOURT

Less Activity North of Verdun—No Infantry Attacks and Bombardment Slackens.

London, April 1.—The Crown Prince has again shifted the attack of his army to the east bank of the Meuse and in a vigorous assault has gained a footing in the village of Vaux. Paris reports an attack by German infantry in the Malancourt salient.

London, March 31.—Having captured the village of Malancourt, the Germans have now shifted their offensive eastward to the sector around Le Mort Homme. With heavy forces the Teutons have attacked the French line between hill 295 and Le Mort Homme and succeeded in entering French first line trenches. A vigorous counter attack by the French, however, almost immediately expelled the invaders and another attack by the Teutons, delivered a little later, is declared by Paris to have been put down completely.

The Germans have made no attempt to debouch from Malancourt since their occupation of the village. The heavy bombardments of preceding days in the region northwest of Verdun have greatly slackened, and there also has been only moderate activity by the big guns to the north and the east of the fortress.

Paris reports the failure of a German infantry attack against the French to the south of the Somme river, near Dompierre, the shelling by the French of German troops on the march in the Argonne forest and the battering of German positions in the forest of Agremont. Violent artillery duels have been in progress between the Belgians and Germans in the region of Dixmude.

London, April 1.—Both houses of the Dutch parliament have been called in session to consider the sinking of the Tubantia. The government has commandeered all railway material and the queen has revoked all furloughs. An official statement has been received from Berlin that the German government has no knowledge of the sinking of the liner.

## MRS. WILLIAM W. HOPE

Passed Away at Home On North Street After Month's Illness

Mrs. William W. Hope, wife of the recent purchaser of the American house, passed away at her home on North street at 5 o'clock last evening.

Death was caused by heart trouble. She had been confined to her bed for several weeks.

Mrs. Hope was born in Middlebury, and was 47 years old. She is survived by her husband and three children, Raymond and Stanley Hope, both of Bennington, and Miss Catherine Hope who is a student in St. Albans. She also leaves two brothers, John McMahon and Patrick McMahon of Middlebury and one sister, Mrs. Mary Borden of Pittsford. She also leaves an uncle, James Donohue of South Haven, Mich.; three nephews, John Murphy of Brattleboro, Fred Hughes and Edward Hughes of Rochester, and one niece, Miss Agnes Hughes also of Rochester.

The body will be taken to Middlebury tomorrow morning where the funeral will be held in St. Mary's church. Interment will be in Middlebury.

Mr. and Mrs. Hope have been residents of Bennington for a few months only but during her stay here, Mrs. Hope had made a large number of friends who speak highly of her and who were saddened by her sudden death.

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## Children Cry FOR FLETCHER'S CASTORIA

## SCHILLER CLAIMS HE WAS GERMAN PRIVATEER

Detectives Fear Attempt to Rescue Daring Stowaway

## WANTED REVENGE ON ENGLAND

Says He Was Arrested at Hull and Humiliated by Imprisonment in a Dirty Jail.

Lewes, Del., March 31.—Fearing that attempts would be made to rescue Ernest Schiller, the young German stowaway, who single-handedly captured the British steamer Matopopo and terrorized her crew of fifty-six men on the high seas last Wednesday night, detectives tonight took Schiller from the town jail and hurried him by automobile to Harrington, from where he was to be taken by train tonight. The detectives declared they had received positive information that attempts would be made to rescue the prisoner.

Schiller himself readily consented to go, saying he would do anything to keep out of the hands of the British officials.

During the afternoon Schiller had a hearing and made a detailed statement as to his motive in starting what he termed a privateering expedition. Revenge against England for arresting him as a spy as well as the desire to see the British Empire declared, were the impelling motives. He was uncertain, he said, whether the four men he had picked to accompany him had hidden on another vessel or had abandoned the enterprise.

"They were not Germans," Schiller declared. "I was the only German concerned and only for my hard luck I would have turned a better trick than even the Moewe did when she captured the Appam. I was terribly handicapped by depending on bums and crooks to assist me."

"In making war on England I am guilty of nothing more than a breach of the neutrality laws of this country. I was peacefully practicing my profession of textile engineer in Hull, England, when the war broke out. A friend of mine was arrested charged with signalling with calcium lights to the raiding Zeppelins. He was shot and I was arrested. I had committed no offense, but I was shut up in a dirty jail and greatly humiliated, although there was no evidence against me."

## SCHOOL EXPOSITION CLOSES

Two-Day Fair Pronounced a Success by Faculty and Public.

The first annual school exposition of work done by pupils of the Bennington public schools came to a close with its fourth oral program of recitations last evening. The crowd, which attended, was fully up to expectations of the school officials and teachers.

The fair, on the whole, was called a complete success and many parents were advised by first-hand demonstration of the work which their boys and girls were doing. Many of the prize-winning entries were requested by Robert Drysdale as a window display for the Drysdale store where they may be seen today by any who did not take in the exhibit.

The afternoon sessions were as satisfactorily attended as those in the evening, although composed mostly of mothers. Yesterday afternoon the program was as follows:

Grade Subject Teacher

Introductory Remarks

1. Phonetic Drill Miss Edgerton

2. Singing Miss Welch

3. Addition Drill Miss Richard

4. Spelling and Arithmetic

Miss Rudd

1. Singing Miss Edgerton

2. English Games Miss Cutting

Folk Dance

In the list of prizes and ribbons published in yesterday's Banner there were several omissions. Special blue ribbons were awarded to Andrew Tomasi for best basket in Miss Dalley's room and one of the best in the entire exhibit; to Daisy Loveland, best basket in Miss Harris's room; to Adolphus Saville, best basket in Miss Cutting's room; Mary Donnelly, best basket in Miss O'Donnell's room. In Miss Moore's room special mention was given Helen Vandenberg, apron; Kenneth Stein, toy wheelbarrow; Hector Marcoux, raffia mat. In Miss Richard's room special mention for Marion Tift, fancy bag; Rose Bruso, towel; and for the boys who made the boats. In Miss Wood's room special mention for Woodhull Hall, woven rug. In Miss Hart's room, Isabel Gokay, towel; Maximilian Tetrault, rug.

In draughting fine work was done by Henry Stickles and Irwin Dunham.

## Children Cry FOR FLETCHER'S CASTORIA

## VILLA DEFEATED BY COL. DODD'S TROOPERS

Bandit Leader Wounded And Flew Into Hills

## THIRTY MEXICANS WERE KILLED

Running Battle of Five Hours Ended in Complete Route of Bandits.

El Paso, Tex., April 1.—Rumors that Villa, the bandit leader who made his escape following the attack on his camp by American cavalry, had been captured were rife along the border but these reports have been officially denied.

The possibility that Villa might succumb to his injuries because of lack of medical attendance is one of the possibilities being discussed in army circles today. Villa has a bullet wound through the leg and his hip is badly crushed as the result of a fall from his horse.

El Paso, Tex., April 1.—Four hundred American cavalrymen under the command of Col. George A. Dodd, galloping down from the granite slopes of the great continental divide, have fallen on the main body of Francisco Villa's bandits at the San Gerodimo ranch, scattering them in many directions and driving the bandit chief, wounded and crippled to seek a hiding place in the mountains. Villa was hurried from danger in a carriage. The fight opened at 6 o'clock Wednesday morning and continued for several hours.

The news of the exploit was flashed into Juarez yesterday and sent a thrill along the border. For 17 hours the veteran colonel with his picked troopers of the 7th and 10th cavalry drove down the valley of the Santa Maria river. At the end of a 55-mile ride, they fell upon the unsuspecting Villa camp, where 500 bandits were celebrating the massacre of 172 Carranza soldiers two days previously at Guerrero.

Villa shot through the leg and with one hip shattered, was hurried from the scene, barely in time to escape the onslaught of the Americans. The bandits made a brief but hopeless stand before a charge of Col. Dodd and his troopers. Then they broke and fled leaving 31 dead on the field. Hernandez, two machine guns, a number of their commander, Gen. Eliseo, number of horses, rifles, ammunition and equipment fell into the hands of the Americans. Among the known wounded is Pablo Lopez, Villa's lieutenant in the Columbus raid. The American casualties were four privateers wounded.

The American soldiers did not linger on the field of victory. For five hours they drove the enemy before them into the wilderness of mountain peak, desert and canyon, where road or even trails are unknown and where a misstep means death to horse and rider. They halted only after the chase had led them 10 miles and the fugitives were scattered into little bands of half a dozen men each.

From the meager details which have reached El Paso from Mexican and American military sources Col. Dodd's men made their way unnoticed through the arroyos, or deep gulches, which split up the foothills in all directions, and were almost in the camp before the alarm was given. Villa is reported to have been in a small tent nursing his injuries when the crash of the American volley fire awoke the bandit to panic-stricken action. The extraordinary hold the bandit chief has on his followers is shown by the fact that their first thought was to save him. Unable to walk or ride, he was placed in a light wagon and driven over the rough mountain trails to some secret lair.

Col. Dodd attacked the Mexicans at 6 o'clock, according to Pershing's report, but whether in the morning or in the afternoon, was not stated. In San Antonio it was regarded as probable that it was in the morning, for the action which followed continued five hours and included a cross-country chase that could not well have been made after dark.

Of the four men wounded of Col. Dodd's force, none was injured seriously. No mention of wounded Mexicans was made in the brief official report. The report added that a number of horses, saddles and arms had been captured.

Several Villa prisoners were taken in the engagement, the exact number not being indicated in reports received in Columbus, N. M. A number of Carranza soldiers who were held by Villa awaiting execution were liberated and assisted the American forces in the pursuit. The Villa flight after the engagement was an utter rout, arms and equipment being thrown away. Two machine guns and a quantity of ammunition and supplies were captured.

## T. R. AND ROOT PUT LEGS UNDER SAME TABLE

Colonel and His Nemesis at Chicago Dine With Robert Bacon

## TALKED ABOUT OUR DEFENCES

Reporters Informed That Politics Had No Part in the Conversation.

New York, March 31.—Senator Elihu Root, Senator Henry Cabot Lodge, Robert Bacon, Major General Leonard Wood and Theodore Roosevelt had luncheon together at Mr. Bacon's home, 1 Park avenue today.

Behind the mere record of the luncheon together of these men lurks a portentous political significance. It means the meeting of Root and Roosevelt for the first time since the Republicans and Progressives fell apart in 1912, and it strengthens the growing belief that the Republicans, as well as the Progressives, will nominate Colonel Roosevelt for president this year.

This is the way Colonel Roosevelt explained the meal:

"I've been lunching at Mr. Bacon's house with Mr. Root, Senator Cabot Lodge and General Wood. Mr. Bacon is the head of various defense organizations and is bringing them together. He told me he got Mr. Lodge to come on from Washington so that I could meet him. Mr. Root and General Wood, to talk over the question of preparedness for self-defense and as a means of securing the peace and honor of this country, and to consider how best to proceed to waken all our citizens to the vital need of this movement for national preparedness."

The Colonel stopped right there, but only for a moment. Then a genial gleam came to his eye and he added: "I shall anticipate your next question by saying that we did not discuss politics at all. The entire conversation related to the matter I have set out."

This was the first public intimation that Senator Root and Colonel Roosevelt would ever come together again to end the political estrangement which followed on the split of the Republican party in 1912.

Whether the raison d'être was preparedness or politics did not need to be set forth in so many words, for the conference only shed more light on the fight that Colonel Roosevelt is going to make to stir up the country to an heroic mood, for preparedness and politics are one and the same thing as the Colonel's friends see it, and militant Americanism and Rooseveltism are synonymous to these same wise acres.

## REAL SIGNS OF SPRING

Grass Beginning to Show Green and Daffodils Coming Through

March went out like a lamb and today, the first of April, looks like real spring. The grass is beginning to show green and tulips, hyacinths, crocuses, daffodils and other spring flowers are crowding through the ground.

Continuous sunshine for eight or more days has rapidly and steadily cut down the great body of snow. The surface of the ground as soon as the snow disappears is likewise showing the effects of Old Sol's rays and mud is appearing in spots. Although the past winter was marked by more than the usual amount of cold weather the ground was so completely and thickly blanketed with snow that the frost did not penetrate to any great depth and in some localities has already entirely disappeared.

Some farmers, who make a study of weather conditions predict that the coming season will be one of large crops, basing their opinion on the experiences of previous years when winters with deep snow have been followed by summers of unusually large productions of grain and vegetables.

## WEATHER FORECAST

For eastern New York and western Vermont probably rain tonight and Sunday. Cooler Sunday.

## Watch Child's Cough.

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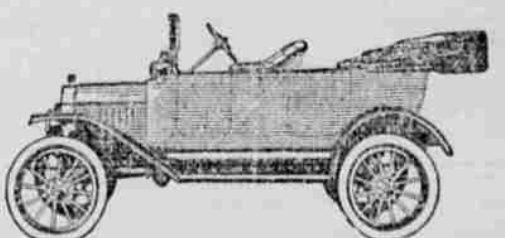
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## CHAUTAUQUA FIRES BRYAN

Association Will Not Employ Him This Season Says Report.

According to information received by a prominent Winsted (Ct.) Chautauquan from an officer of the Chautauquan association of Pennsylvania yesterday, William J. Bryan will not be employed by that association to speak upon its platform this season. His resignation from President Wilson's cabinet and the attitude he has taken toward the administration has rendered Mr. Bryan so unpopular before the masses that the association decided to drop him, it was stated.

## TO TRY COMMISSION PLAN

Watervliet To Again Act on Proposal Next Fall.

Watervliet voters at the election next fall will vote on proposition for a commission form of government. Two petitions are in circulation and they have been signed by nearly three hundred voters. The proposition last fall was defeated by only a few votes, and the agitators for the new form of city government feel confident that the proposition will be carried. One of the advocates says that when the total number of signers had been obtained with the circulation of the petitions, the leaders of both the Democratic and Republican parties would be surprised.